

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/645,852
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A DJ playing is known, in which a performer called “disc jockey (DJ)” operates a record player as a playback apparatus to play dance music or the like. The DJ playing is a method of effectively playing back the music data recorded on a record, such as dance music. More specifically, the disc jockey manually controls the rotation of the turntable of the record player to play back the music data recorded on the record placed on the turntable, and stop the playing back of the music, repeatedly play back the same phrase, and rewind to the point for playing back.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A playback apparatus according apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to FIG. 1. FIG. 1 is a plan view of the playback apparatus according to the present invention.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 (line 14, page 5 through line 7, page 6), in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 22 and 23 (line 29, page 22 through line 11, page 23), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The detecting structure that detects which part of the component has been depressed is located outside. The detecting structure is therefore more simple than otherwise. Since the detecting structure is located outside, the member for detecting the depressing moves downward more than at the position where the depression is performed to ensure reliable detection of the depressing. At the position that the detecting structure assumes, the support sections control the motion of the jog table unit 310 toward the base part 410, thus biasing the jog table unit 310 away from the base part 410. Hence, the jog table unit 310 is depressed while being biased at its circumferential part to give a real feeling to the user. To be more specific, the user can feel as depressing the turntable of a record player. Since the user can feel so, the user can operate the playback apparatus 100 provided with the switch device 200 to perform good DJ playing. In other words, the switch device 200 enables the user to accomplish attractive DJ playing.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The first engagement rib 325A and second engagement ribs 325B are provided on the outer circumference of the body 312. Since the ribs 325A and ~~[[325]]~~325B are shaped like notches and open downward, they provide a structure that allows only the jog table unit 310 to rotate when it is rotated. This also serves to simplify the switch device 200, facilitate the manufacture of the device 200 and render the device 200 small and lightweight.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention has been described according described according to the preferred embodiment . However the scope of the present invention is not restricted to the above specific embodiment, but includes modifications and improvements as long as an object of the present invention can be attained.